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The Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) is soliciting nominations for its annual EMS awards. The Governor, ACEMS and the State EMS Office wish to recognize deserving individuals and services who have shown commitment and dedication to providing emergency medical services in Alaska.

#### **EMS AWARD CATEGORIES:**

- Consumer/Citizen: A person who, not in the regular line of duty, performs life-saving, limb-saving, or medical techniques in a medical emergency, and shows quick-thinking, common sense, and initiative to save a life or reduce injury.
- Provider: A medically trained person who performs meritorious service above and beyond expectations of the job.
- Researcher/Administrator: Any person who successfully develops a new approach, technique, device, etc. to improve EMS in Alaska and/or for an outstanding administrator in an EMS agency or service.
- Longenbaugh Memorial: This award honors a physician who exemplifies leadership and dedication to EMS systems and, through his or her efforts, has significantly promoted the Alaska EMS system.
- Melissa Ann Peters Memorial: This award, given for the first time in 1992, recognizes an outstanding nurse who has contributed in some special way to the encouragement of emergency medical services skills, efforts, and education.
- EMS Educator: This award is given to a State certified ETT or EMT Instructor, who is dedicated to quality instruction and promoting the best in prehospital care or has made an outstanding contribution to EMS education.
- Outstanding Ambulance Service Award: This award recognizes a *ground ambulance or first responder service* which has had outstanding success in providing year-round community service and in gaining support and involvement of the entire community in its service and educational activities, or which has shown heroic performance on a special occasion. Since 1982, Safety, Inc., of Anchorage has awarded \$500 in gift certificates at the Annual EMS Awards Banquet to an "outstanding" ambulance service.
- Special Commendations: Special commendations may be awarded in one or more of the following categories for outstanding service: *air medical services*, injury prevention programs, outstanding employees associated with an EMS organization for longevity and service, and foundations and/or service organizations which provide support to EMS activities.

#### **HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION FOR AN EMS AWARD:**

1. Write a nomination letter of 500 words or less and include relevant newspaper articles or other materials and a photo of the nominee, if possible. A special nomination form for the Outstanding Ambulance Service is available on the State EMS Office website at <http://www.chems.alaska.gov> or can be obtained by contacting Shelley K. Owens at the State EMS Office at (907) 465-3028 or at [shelley\\_owens@health.state.ak.us](mailto:shelley_owens@health.state.ak.us).
2. Send your letter to EMS Awards, Community Health and EMS Section, P.O. Box 110616, Juneau, AK 99811-0616 or fax it to EMS Awards, (907) 465-4101 **so that it is received by Tuesday, September 12, 2000.**
3. Please include the address and day telephone number of the nominator and the nominee.

**PROCESS OF SELECTION:**

Two weeks before the October 2000 meeting of the Council, all nominations will be mailed to Council members for their review. Usually no more than one award is presented in each category, except the special commendations. The awards will be announced at the Opening Session of the State EMS Symposium in November and presented at the Awards Banquet. Copies of the nominating packets will be sent to the Appropriate Regional EMS Office.

**RECOGNITION OF NOMINEES:**

Presentation of the awards will be made in November at the Anchorage Egan Convention Center in conjunction with the Alaska EMS Symposium. The names of the award recipients will be announced at the Opening Session of the EMS Symposium on the morning of Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> so that they may be recognized and congratulated throughout the Symposium. The awards will be presented at the annual Alaska EMS Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, November 11<sup>th</sup>.